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## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-10 were rejected under Section 112 as being indefinite. Applicant has added the term "providing" 5 to the second step of claim 1, as suggested. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to clarify that the bubble diameter is greater than both the first and second distance means the imploding bubbles are prevented from being captured in those two gaps. Claim 2 has been amended to provide antecedent 10 basis for "the slurry." Claims 3 and 5-9 have also been reviewed and amended where necessary to conform to Section 112. Claims 2 and 7 were rejected for omitting the necessary structural connections. Claims 2 and 7 have now been amended 15 to provide the structural cooperative relationships of the fermentation tank and the members recited in claim 1. Claim 5 was rejected for omitting the necessary structural connections. Claim 5 has now been amended to conform to Section 112.

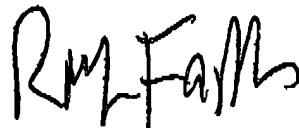
20 The amended claim should now be in conformance with Section 112.

The application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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